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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 1993

Mr. GRAMM (for himself and Mr. KRUEGER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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Reported by Mr. JOHNSTON, without amendment

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be referred to as the “Big Thicket  
3 National Preserve Addition Act of 1993”.

4 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONS TO THE BIG THICKET NATIONAL PRE-**  
5 **SERVE.**

6 (a) ADDITIONS.—Subsection (b) of the first section  
7 of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the establishment  
8 of the Big Thicket National Preserve in the State of  
9 Texas, and for other purposes”, approved October 11,  
10 1974 (16 U.S.C. 698), hereafter referred to as the “Act”,  
11 is amended as follows:

12 (1) Strike out “map entitled ‘Big Thicket Na-  
13 tional Preserve’” and all that follows through “Sec-  
14 retary of the Interior (hereafter referred to as the  
15 ‘Secretary’)” and insert in lieu thereof “map entitled  
16 ‘Big Thicket National Preserve’, dated October  
17 1992, and numbered 175–80008, which shall be on  
18 file and available for public inspection in the offices  
19 of the National Park Service, Department of the In-  
20 terior, and the offices of the Superintendent of the  
21 preserve. After advising the Committee on Energy  
22 and Natural Resources of the United States Senate  
23 and the Committee on Natural Resources of the  
24 United States House of Representatives, in writing,  
25 the Secretary of the Interior (hereafter referred to  
26 as the ‘Secretary’) may make minor revisions of the

1 boundaries of the preserve when necessary by publi-  
2 cation of a revised drawing or other boundary de-  
3 scription in the Federal Register. The Secretary”.

4 (2) Strike out “and” at the end of the penul-  
5 timate undesignated paragraph relating to Little  
6 Pine Island-Pine Island Bayou corridor unit.

7 (3) Strike out the period in the ultimate undes-  
8 igned paragraph relating to Lance Rosier unit and  
9 insert in lieu thereof “;”.

10 (4) Add at the end thereof the following:

11 “Village Creek Corridor unit, Hardin County,  
12 Texas, comprising approximately four thousand  
13 seven hundred and ninety-three acres;

14 “Big Sandy Corridor unit, Hardin, Polk, and  
15 Tyler Counties, Texas, comprising approximately  
16 four thousand four hundred and ninety-seven acres;  
17 and

18 “Canyonlands unit, Tyler County, Texas, com-  
19 prising approximately one thousand four hundred  
20 and seventy-six acres.”.

21 (b) ACQUISITION.—(1) Subsection (c) of the first sec-  
22 tion of such Act is amended by striking out the first sen-  
23 tence and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “The Sec-  
24 retary is authorized to acquire by donation, purchase with  
25 donated or appropriated funds, transfer from any other

1 Federal agency, or exchange, any lands, waters, or inter-  
2 ests therein which are located within the boundaries of the  
3 preserve: *Provided*, That privately owned lands located  
4 within the Village Creek Corridor, Big Sandy Corridor,  
5 and Canyonlands units may be acquired only with the con-  
6 sent of the owner: *Provided further*, That the Secretary  
7 may acquire lands owned by commercial timber companies  
8 only by donation or exchange: *Provided further*, That any  
9 lands owned by the State of Texas, or any political sub-  
10 divisions thereof may be acquired by donation only.”.

11 (2) Add at the end of the first section of such Act  
12 the following new subsections:

13 “(d) Within sixty days after the date of enactment  
14 of this subsection, the Secretary and the Secretary of Ag-  
15 riculture shall identify lands within their jurisdiction lo-  
16 cated within the vicinity of the preserve which may be suit-  
17 able for exchange for commercial timber lands within the  
18 preserve. In so doing, the Secretary of Agriculture shall  
19 seek to identify for exchange National Forest lands that  
20 are near or adjacent to private lands that are already  
21 owned by the commercial timber companies. Such Na-  
22 tional Forest lands shall be located in the Sabine National  
23 Forest in Sabine County, Texas, in the Davy Crockett Na-  
24 tional Forest south of Texas State Highway 7, or in other  
25 sites deemed mutually agreeable, and within reasonable

1 distance of the timber companies' existing mills. In exer-  
2 cising this exchange authority, the Secretary and the Sec-  
3 retary of Agriculture may utilize any authorities or proce-  
4 dures otherwise available to them in connection with land  
5 exchanges, and which are not inconsistent with the pur-  
6 poses of this Act. Land exchanges authorized pursuant to  
7 this subsection shall be of equal value and shall be com-  
8 pleted as soon as possible, but no later than two years  
9 after date of enactment of this subsection.

10       “(e) With respect to the thirty-seven-acre area owned  
11 by the Louisiana-Pacific Corporation or its subsidiary,  
12 Kirby Forest Industries, Inc., on Big Sandy Creek in Har-  
13 din County, Texas, and now utilized as part of the Indian  
14 Springs Youth Camp (H.G. King Abstract 822), the Sec-  
15 retary shall not acquire such area without the consent of  
16 the owner so long as the area is used exclusively as a youth  
17 camp.”.

18       (c) PUBLICATION OF BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION.—  
19 Not later than six months after the date of enactment of  
20 this subsection, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal  
21 Register a detailed description of the boundary of the Vil-  
22 lage Creek Corridor unit, the Big Sandy Corridor unit,  
23 and the Canyonlands unit of the Big Thicket National  
24 Preserve.

1       (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
2 6 of such Act is amended by adding at the end thereof  
3 the following new sentence: “Effective upon date of enact-  
4 ment of this sentence, there is authorized to be appro-  
5 priated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the  
6 purposes of subsections (c) and (d) of the first section.”.